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SUBJECT: KUDOS TO USUN FOR NEGOTATING UNSC RESOLUTION

1888 ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Congratulations to you and the USUN team for your efforts to secure unanimous support in the UN Security Council to adopt Resolution 1888 -- the follow-up to Resolution 1820, to address sexual violence in conflict. I would like to single out the work of USUN's negotiating team, in particular the work of Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo, Erin Kotheimer, Laurie Phipps, and Tracy Lavin, for their diplomatic mastery in securing consensus from all delegations on this critical issue.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. The Security Council's commitment to addressing sexual violence in conflict is critical to ending these atrocities, and the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1888 is an excellent show of international consensus to move forward with concrete actions. CLINTON